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SUBJ: LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE BAHAMAS

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1. SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL (A) PHONED EMBOFF OVER WEEKEND TO SAY THAT MIKE WALLACE HAD MADE CONTACT PRECEDING WEEK AND THAT "ALL WAS CLEAR". SUBJECT INVITED TO EMBASSY FOR APPOINTMENT ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30.

2. AT EMB MEETING, SUBJECT REVEALED THAT SPOUSE HAD TALKED TO WALLACE AND LANDO EVENING OF AUGUST 24 AT LATTER'S HOTEL. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, QUESTIONS WERE BY AND LARGE RELATED TO ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT'S DECEASED FATHER, A HIGH EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL, WHO HAD LIVED OFF AND ON IN THE BAHAMAS PRIOR TO HIS DEATH THREE YEARS AGO. APPARENT OBJECTIVE OF QUESTIONING WAS ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH VERACITY OF ALLEGATION THAT THERE WAS AND STILL EXISTED A MORE OR LESS FORMAL NETWORK OF IRS INFORMANTS IN BAHAMAS AND THAT SUBJECT AND SUBJECT'S FATHER WERE A PART THEREOF. SUBJECT'S SPOUSE EXPLAINED NATURE OF SUBJECT'S BUSINESS ACTIVITIES -- AS OUTLINED REFTEL (A) -- AND DENIED ALLEGATION OF SUBJECT BEING A COVERT INFORMANT. WALLACE AND LANDO MADE APPOINTMENT FOR FOLLOWING MORNING TO INTERVIEW SUBJECT PERSONALLY AT LATTER'S HOME. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, VISIT WAS A TOTAL SUCCESS IN DISSUADING TWO NEWSMEN OF ANY COVERT CONNECTIONS
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WITH IRS OR OTHER USG AGENCIES. VISIT IN FACT CONCLUDED

WITH NEWSMEN'S REQUEST THAT SUBJECT PREPARE A REPORT ON CASTLE BANK AND TRUST. REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED, WILL COST CBS \$250.00, AND IS BEING SENT CHICAGO WHERE WALLACE AND LANDO WILL USE IT TO PREPARE QUESTIONS FOR AN INTERVIEW TO BE HELD LATER THIS WEEK.

3. WHILE REFUSING TO BE PINNED DOWN ON SPECIFICS AS TO HOW IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED, SUBJECT CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED COMPLETE ASSURANCES FROM PRIME MINISTER PINDLING VIA RELIABLE GO-BETWEEN THAT PRIME MINISTER HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL'S PAST OR PRESENT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. GIVEN SUBJECT'S DENIAL OF HAVING TOLD EMISSARY TO PRIME MINISTER ANYTHING ABOUT PAST RELATIONSHIP WITH IRS OR JUSTICE, HOWEVER, IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER ALLEGED ASSURANCE IS IN FACT MEANINGFUL. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF WORK PERMITS RAISED PARA 2, REFTEL (A), SUBJECT STATES THAT NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF PERMANENT RESIDENCY STATUS OBTAINED MID-SIXTIES. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, THAT STATUS REVERIFIED WITH MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION DURING PAST MONTH.

4. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF REPORT PREPARED FOR WALLACE AND LANDO ON CASTLE BANK AND TRUST, SUBJECT ASSERTED THAT ONE INTERESTING AND GENERALLY UNKNOWN ASPECT OF BANK'S ACTIVITIES WAS FACT THAT PRESENT ACTING GOVERNOR GENERAL OF GCOB, GERALD CASH, HAD ONCE SERVED AS MEMBER OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SUBJECT SPECULATED AT SOME LENGTH ON POSSIBLE MEANING OF CONNECTION.

5. COMMENT: ALL IN ALL, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SUBJECT WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE WALLACE AND LANDO THAT THERE IS LITTLE FUTURE IN PURSUING INVESTIGATION OF "NETWORK OR INFORMANTS IN BAHAMAS" AND SUBJECT'S CONNECTION WITH IT. THIS BELIEF IS SUBSTANTIATED BY FACT THAT WALLACE SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN PURSUING THIS LINE IN HIS SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR. AT SAME TIME, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GIVEN SUBJECT'S PERSONALITY, WHICH APPEARS TO BE MORE THAN SOMEWHAT ERATIC, OTHER METHODS SHOULD BE USED IN FUTURE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OF PUBLIC RECORD. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT AS STATED IN REFTEL (C) IT BETTER NOT TO APPROACH GCOB ON THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME AND TO LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

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WE PREFER THIS COURSE EVEN THOUGH SUBJECT STATES THAT ONLY PRIME MINISTER PINDLING WAS APPROACHED AND THAT TO QUOTE SUBJECT "IT WOULD DO NO GOOD AND POSSIBLY CAUSE HARM TO INFORM MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY", WHO IN SUBJECT'S WORDS, "CANNOT BE TRUSTED" AND "WHO IS A DANGEROUS LEFTIST".
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